



State of California - Department of Fish and Wildlife

2025 ENVIRONMENTAL DOCUMENT FILING FEE

CASH RECEIPT

DFW 753.5a (Rev. 01/01/25) Previously DFG 753.5a

RECEIPT NUMBER:

37-12/18/2025-1028

STATE CLEARING HOUSE NUMBER(If applicable)

SEE INSTRUCTIONS ON REVERSE. TYPE OR PRINT CLEARLY.

LEAD AGENCY SWEETWATER AUTHORITY	LEAD AGENCY EMAIL	DATE 12/18/2025
COUNTY/STATE AGENCY OF FILING SAN DIEGO		DOCUMENT NUMBER 37-2025-1028

PROJECT TITLE
BONITA VALLEY RESERVOIR RESIDUAL CONTROL SYSTEM

PROJECT APPLICANT NAME SWEETWATER AUTHORITY	PROJECT APPLICANT EMAIL	PHONE NUMBER 619-409-6823	
PROJECT APPLICANT ADDRESS 505 GARRETT AVENUE	CITY CHULA VISTA	STATE CA	ZIP CODE 91910

PROJECT APPLICANT (Check appropriate box)

☐ Local Public Agency ☐ School District ☒ Other Special District ☐ State Agency ☐ Private Entity

CHECK APPLICABLE FEES:

☐ Environmental Impact Report (EIR)	\$4,123.50	\$	0.00
☐ Mitigated/Negative Declaration (MND)/(ND)	\$2,968.75	\$	0.00
☐ Certified Regulatory Program (CRP) document - payment due directly to CDFW	\$1,401.75	\$	0.00

☒ Exempt from fee

☒ Notice of Exemption (attach)

☐ CDFW No Effect Determination (attach)

☐ Fee previously paid (attach previously issued cash receipt copy)

☐ Water Right Application or Petition Fee(State Water Resources Control Board only)	\$850.00	\$	0.00
☒ County documentary handling fee		\$	50.00
☐ Other		\$	0.00

PAYMENT METHOD

☐ Cash ☒ Credit ☐ Check ☐ Other

TOTAL RECEIVED \$ 50.00

SIGNATURE

X

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AGENCY OF FILING PRINTED NAME AND TITLE

San Diego County Clerk, TIFFANI HOOD, Deputy

Payment Reference #: AUTH # 002133 AND ORDER # 213122043



SAN DIEGO COUNTY CLERK
CEQA FILING COVER SHEET

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Dec 18, 2025 04:26 PM
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SAN DIEGO COUNTY CLERK
File # 2025-001128
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Complete and attach this form to each CEQA Notice filed with the County Clerk

TYPE OR PRINT CLEARLY

Project Title

BONITA VALLEY RESERVOIR RESIDUAL CONTROL SYSTEM

Check Document being Filed:

- ☐ Environmental Impact Report (EIR)
- ☐ Mitigated Negative Declaration (MND) or Negative Declaration (ND)
- ☒ Notice of Exemption (NOE)
- ☐ Other (Please fill in type):

**FILED IN THE OFFICE OF THE SAN DIEGO
COUNTY CLERK ON** December 18, 2025
Posted December 18, 2025 **Removed** _____
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Filing fees are due at the time a Notice of Determination/Exemption is filed with our office. For more information on filing fees and No Effect Determinations, please refer to California Code of Regulations, Title 14, section 753.5.

NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

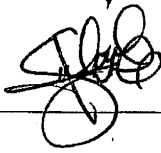
TO: Office of Land Use and Climate Innovation State Clearinghouse ☒ P. O. Box 3044, Room 113 Sacramento, CA 95812-3044	FROM: Name: Sweetwater Authority (Public Agency) Address: 505 Garrett Avenue, Chula Vista, CA 91910 Telephone: 619-420-1413
☒ Clerk of the Board of Supervisors or County Clerk (Include County name) Address: San Diego County Clerk 1600 Pacific Hwy #260, San Diego, CA 92101	

1. Project Title:	Bonita Valley Reservoir Residual Control System
2. Project Applicant (include address, telephone number and email address):	Sweetwater Authority ATTN: Israel Marquez, Land and Environmental Manager 619-409-6823, imarquez@sweetwater.org
3. Project Location – Identify street address and cross streets or attach a map showing project site (preferably a USGS 15' or 7 1/2' topographical map identified by quadrangle name):	The Bonita Valley Reservoir and Control Building is located at the end of the private driveway south of 3410 Randy Lane, Bonita, CA 91902. See the Exhibit A for the Project Location Map.
4. (a) Project Location – City: Chula Vista	(b) Project Location – County: San Diego
5. Description of nature, purpose, and beneficiaries of Project:	Project Nature: Install a Residual Control System (RCS) at Bonita Valley Reservoir (BVR), the Authority's largest treated-water tank (two independent 9-MG basins), integrated with SCADA for 24/7 remote monitoring. Purpose of the Project: Maintain a stable chloramine residual (right chlorine-to-ammonia ratio) to prevent nitrification that can occur with warm temps, low demand, and high chlorine demand. This protects system water quality and reliability and can avoid costly short-term switches to imported water—potentially paying for itself by averting a single water-quality event (i.e. nitrification). Beneficiaries: The project benefits customers system-wide by providing more consistent and stable chloramine residuals. The system is highly automated and will be integrated into the Authority's Supervisory

	Control and Data Acquisition (SCADA) system allowing remote monitoring and alarming capabilities. It also benefits ratepayers by reducing costs through decreased reliance on imported water should the local water source (Sweetwater Reservoir) become challenging to treat.
6. Name of Public Agency approving project:	Sweetwater Authority
7. Name of Person or Agency undertaking the project, including any person undertaking an activity that receives financial assistance from the Public Agency as part of the activity or the person receiving a lease, permit, license, certificate, or other entitlement of use from the Public Agency as part of the activity:	Sweetwater Authority Engineering and Operations Department
8. Exempt status: (check one)	
(a) ☐ Ministerial project.	(Pub. Resources Code § 21080(b)(1); State CEQA Guidelines § 15268)
(b) ☐ Not a project.	(State CEQA Guidelines §§ 15050(c)(2)-(3), 15378)
(c) ☐ Declared Emergency	(Pub. Resources Code § 21080(b)(3); State CEQA Guidelines § 15269(a))
(d) ☐ Emergency Project.	(Pub. Resources Code § 21080(b)(4); State CEQA Guidelines § 15269(b),(c))
(e) ☐ Categorical Exemption. State type and section number:	
(f) ☐ Statutory Exemption. State Code section number:	State CEQA Guidelines § 15261
(g) ☒ Other. Explanation:	(State CEQA Guidelines § 15061(b)(3) Common Sense exemption)
9. Reason why project was exempt:	The work consists of installing and integrating a Residual Control System (RCS) entirely within the existing BVR facility and previously disturbed site boundary, with no expansion of use or capacity. Activities are limited to equipment installation (chemical feeders, mixer, monitoring/controls) and SCADA integration within existing structures and utility connections—typical minor alterations of existing public utility facilities. With no new ground disturbance outside the disturbed footprint, no increase in storage/treatment capacity, and no change in the reservoir's operational purpose, there is no possibility of a significant effect on the environment.
10. Lead Agency Contact Person: Telephone:	Israel Marquez, Land and Environmental Manager 619-409-6823, imarquez@sweetwater.org
11. If filed by applicant: Attach Certificate of Determination (Form "B") before filing.	
12. Was a public hearing held by the Lead Agency to consider the exemption? Yes ☐ No ☒ If yes, the date of the public hearing was:	

Date:

Signature



Name: Xochitl Aranda, P.E.

Title: Director of Engineering and Operations,
Sweetwater Authority

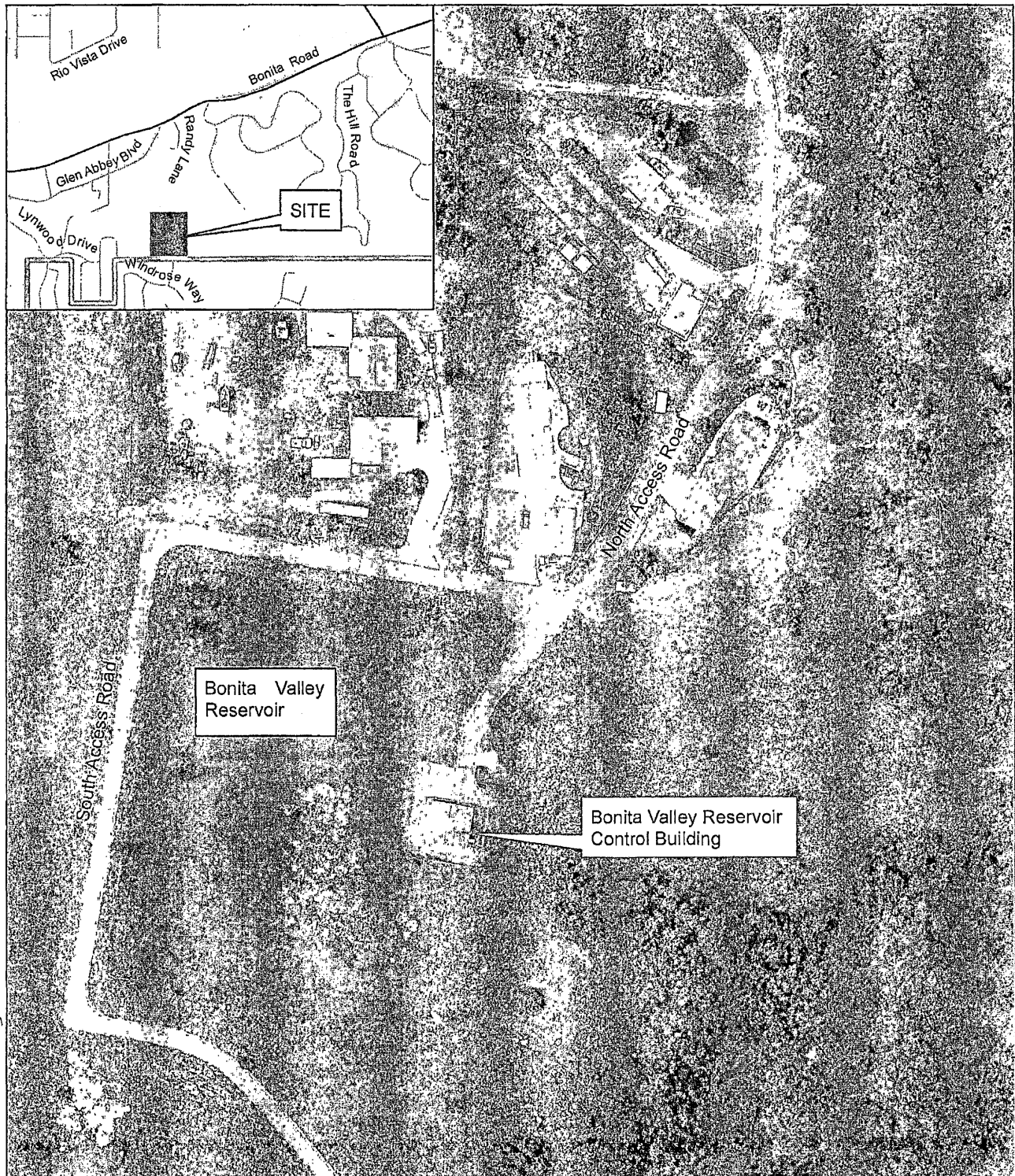
☒ Signed by Lead Agency

☒ Signed by Applicant

Date Received for Filing:

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Authority cited: Sections 21083 and 21110, Public Resources Code.
Reference: Sections 21108, 21152, and 21152.1, Public Resources Code.



Project Location

Bonita Valley Reservoir and Control Building

150 75 0 150 Feet



CERTIFICATE OF DETERMINATION

(If Notice of Exemption filed by Project Applicant, Project Applicant must Attach to Notice of Exemption)

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3.	Entity or person undertaking project:	A. Sweetwater Authority Engineering and Operations Department B. Other (Private) (1) Name (2) Address	
4.	Staff Determination: The Lead Agency's Staff, having undertaken and completed a preliminary review of this project in accordance with the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) and the Lead Agency's Local Guidelines for Implementing CEQA has concluded that this project does not require further environmental assessment because:		
a.	☐	The proposed action does not constitute a project under CEQA.	
b.	☐	The project is a Ministerial Project.	
c.	☐	The project is an Emergency Project.	
d.	☐	The project constitutes a feasibility or planning study.	
e.	☐	The project is categorically exempt. Applicable Exemption Class:	
f.	☐	The project is statutorily exempt. Applicable Exemption:	
g.	☒	The project is otherwise exempt on the following basis:	State CEQA Guidelines § 15061(b)(3) Common Sense exemption)
h.	☐	The project involves another public agency which constitutes the Lead Agency. Name of Lead Agency:	

Date: December 16, 2025

Staff: Israel Marquez, Land and Environmental Manager



San Diego County



Transaction #: 8800379
Receipt #: 2025488726

JORDAN Z. MARKS

Assessor/Recorder/County Clerk

1600 Pacific Highway Suite 260

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Cashier Date: 12/18/2025

Cashier Location: SD

Print Date: 12/18/2025 4:29 pm

Payment Summary

Total Fees:	\$200.00
Total Payments:	\$200.00
Balance:	\$0.00

Payment

VITALCHEK PAYMENT \$200.00

Total Payments \$200.00

Filings

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Fees: Fish & Wildlife County Administrative Fee \$50.00

Total Fees Due: \$50.00

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Fees: Fish & Wildlife County Administrative Fee \$50.00

Total Fees Due: \$50.00

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State Receipt # 37-12/18/2025-1027

Fees: Fish & Wildlife County Administrative Fee \$50.00

Total Fees Due: \$50.00

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State Receipt # 37-12/18/2025-1028

Fees: Fish & Wildlife County Administrative Fee \$50.00

Total Fees Due: \$50.00

Grand Total - All Documents: \$200.00

